

Remarks

Claims 11-19 and 48-50 were indicated to be allowable in the Notice of Allowance.

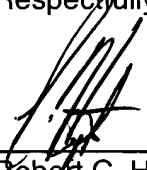
This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) application is submitted in an abundance of caution to have the allowed claims considered in light of additional prior art. Such references are cited in the accompanying Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 presented herewith.

Further, Applicant herewith submits a duplicate Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449, submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 5, 2003, of which it does not yet have an initialed copy from the Examiner. To the extent the PTO-1449 has not already been initialed in the file, such examination and initialing is requested at this time.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned if the Examiner believes the additional prior art would facilitate prosecution of the present application. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

Respectfully submitted,

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